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HARDIN, KENTUCKY, MAN INDICTED ON POSSESSION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

LOUISVILLE, KY - Ralph William Keene, Jr., age 59, of 10 1st Street, Hardin, Kentucky, in Marshall County, was indicted by a federal Grand Jury in Paducah with attempted possession and attempted receipt of child pornography.

The Indictment charges that on or about November 21, 2006, Keene knowingly attempted to receive and possess visual depictions that had been mailed, the production of which involved the use of a minor engaging in sexually explicit conduct, and which visual depictions were of such conduct.

In the event of a conviction, the maximum potential penalties are 60 years imprisonment, a \$500,000 fine, and supervised release for any term of years up to life.

Keene is scheduled to appear for arraignment before the United States Magistrate Judge on February 14, 2007 at 1:30 p.m. in Paducah, Kentucky.

This case is being brought as part of Project Safe Childhood. In February 2006, Attorney General Alberto R. Gonzales launched Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative designed to protect children from online exploitation and abuse. Led by the United States Attorneys Offices, Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state and local resources to better locate, apprehend, and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet, as well as identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit www.projectsafechildhood.gov/.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Madison T. Sewell, and it was investigated by the United States Postal Inspection Service.

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The indictment of a person by a Grand Jury is an accusation only and that person is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

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